



## The Lincoln School

# Lincletter

Wednesday

May 5, 2010

### CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

Our first thought - Aren't we fortunate to have our own town water supply here at Lincoln? Please join us tonight at Lincoln, from 6:30-8PM for our all-school event, Math & Science Mania. Laura Krotky and a committee of dedicated parents have created an *amazing* event filled with interactive stations. There are many volunteers to recognize this week for their time and talent: Many thanks to Alison Bayiates and Tobey Kelley for organizing this year's mentor program, that culminated last week with an evening exhibit of more than 100 students' projects. The colorful displays and contagious enthusiasm that they shared with each other and their families was a wonderful tribute to the generous mentors. Thank you to Kerry Campbell, Jenny Rappole and this year's hostess, Jean Kingston, for making this year's Teacher Appreciation Luncheon possible. And lastly, save the date for next Thursday, May 13th at 8:30AM as we host our School Superintendent and School Committee Members at the May LSPA meeting. Traditionally our best attended meeting - you don't want to miss it! We look forward to seeing you there. Our best, Bridget Stump and Linda McDonough

### CALENDAR

**Today** - Kindergarten Orientation

**Tonight** - 6:30-8pm Math and Science Mania: Lincoln Gym

**Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>** 8:30am LSPA meeting (2010-2011 budget presented)

**Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>** 9am-12pm Lincoln Spring Cleanup

**Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>** 10am May Day Celebration

**MATH & SCIENCE TONIGHT!** Be amazed at Math & Science Mania tonight (Wednesday) from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Analyze your fingerprints, build a 20" structure, build with the Lego Robotics team and so, so much more. Bring the whole family and prepare to be amazed! Check out all the stations in the attached program. Please enter through the gym doors.

### AUTHORFEST THANK YOU!

This year's Authorfest was great. We hope you had a chance to ask your kids about all the very interesting author/illustrator presentations! This event is coordinated by Ceci Cordeiro and completely run by volunteers. I'd like to thank Anne Daley, Bridget Stump, Kate Carpini, Kim Wheaton, Kristen Rivoli, Laura Krotky, Lynn Phillips, Susan Fagerstrom and Susan McPhee for their help with each author's presentation. I'd especially like to thank all the teachers, LeeAnne Toner, Joyce Hart and Kate Scanlon for their support and flexibility in accomodating the demanding schedule and preparing the students beautifully for every author. Many of the authors mentioned how much they love coming to our Authorfest and it is largely due to having an enthusiastic and prepared audience at every level! This all-day, town-wide event is funded by each school's parent association and grants from the Winchester Foundation for Education Excellence (WFEE), the Winchester Cultural Council (a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency) and the EnKa Society. Authorfest is also strongly supported by Book Ends. Thank You, Anita Colasante.

### ATTENTION 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE PARENTS FROM MCCALL PARENTS ASSOC

It was great to have so many of you attend the informal orientation last Tuesday evening. More information about next year will be coming out during May and June. "Moving Up Day," when your children will find out what team they will be on in September, will be June 7th. We encourage you to visit the parents' association website ---[www.mccallpa.org](http://www.mccallpa.org) --- to learn more about what we do and to sign up for our newsletters and email updates. The school website ---[www.winchester.k12.ma.us](http://www.winchester.k12.ma.us) --- has useful information about the curriculum, staff, library, after-school extracurricular activities, etc. The Parent to Parent

website --- [parenttoparentwinchester.org](http://parenttoparentwinchester.org) --- is also a great resource.

Extra copies of the meeting handouts are available at the McCall Main Office (to the right as you enter the center front door). The McCall Program of Studies booklet is now posted online at the school website (left side of screen). Please do not hesitate to contact us at [president@mccallpa.org](mailto:president@mccallpa.org) if you have any questions. We are excited that you all will be joining the McCall Middle School community next year! - Paula, Anne Marie & Susan

### EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

#### BrainPOP Home Access Information:

What is BrainPOP? BrainPOP creates animated, curriculum-based content that engages students, supports educators, and bolsters achievement. The award-winning online educational resources include Brain POP Jr. (K-3) and BrainPOP. BrainPOP comes from a WFEE Grant written by the Elementary Instructional Technology Specialists. Below is the information for students to be able to access Brainpop for home use: <http://www.brainpop.com/>  
Username: winchesterma  
Password: brainpop

**iPod Techtutorial for Parents:** The iPod Techtutorial for parents is May 10 from 6-7pm at Winchester High School Animation Lab (1st floor). iPods are more than just music players. iPods have functionality that can be used in many different ways for teaching and learning. Join Joanne Najarian and Stephanie Golas (Elementary ITS) on Monday, May 10, and learn of the many uses for the iPod: creating and listening to podcasts, using video, taking notes for class, studying for quizzes, and much more.

#### District Technology Committee Meeting

will be held directly after the Techtutorial, and all are welcome to join Annamaria Schrimpf and the District Tech Committee for an update on technology throughout the district. If you have any questions, please contact Annamaria Schrimpf, Director of Educational Technology: 781-721-7007.

## **PAC SUPPORT MEETING**

The PAC Support Group for LBLD/Dyslexia invites you to attend our next meeting on Tuesday, May 18 in the McCall **Library at 7:00 pm**. At this meeting Donna Marcotte-Rizza, a part time Assistive Technology Specialist for the Winchester School District, will be joining us to discuss and demonstrate various types of Assistive Technology we have available in our schools as well as other types of software, tools, etc. that can help our children learn. We hope to see you at the meeting. Amy Kraft [akpk1282@verizon.net](mailto:akpk1282@verizon.net) and Kim Lazarus [kimberly.lazarus@verizon.net](mailto:kimberly.lazarus@verizon.net)

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS**

Winchester teachers submitted course proposals in subject areas they are passionate about! Their ideas are creative and inspiring. We hope that many children will share their interest and sign up this summer! Course descriptions can be found on-line at [Winchester Public Schools'](http://Winchester_Public_Schools/) website. For more information contact Nancy Clark, [nclark@winchester.k12.ma.us](mailto:nclark@winchester.k12.ma.us) or 781-721-7001

### **SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMP**

The Black and Big Blue Youth Football Camp will be held in Winchester from June 21-24, 2010. This is an excellent opportunity for your son to participate in a fun, non-contact, instructional football camp with exceptional instructors. The camp will be conveniently held at the McCall Middle School field. I encourage every Winchester Pop Warner player to take advantage of this camp and especially those players who are new to football or those who will miss time in August due to vacations, etc. Each camper will be given the opportunity to learn and improve offensive, defensive and special teams skills. The instructors for this camp are primarily from Paul Manganaro's Sachem Youth Football Club staff and from the Varsity staff at Phillips Andover Academy. Winchester Pop Warner coaches will also be on the camps coaching staff. The cost of the camp is \$99 and registration deadline is May 21st. To maintain a low camper to coach ratio, enrollment will be limited. Each camper will receive a Black and Big Blue Camp t-shirt and a guest NFL player will address the kids on the final night of the camp. I've attached a camp brochure and a link for registering online. This will be a great camp, please make every effort to have your son participate. More information and registration forms can be found at :<http://www.sachemyouth.org/>

## **WHAT WILL TEACHING AND LEARNING LOOK LIKE AT WHS IN THE YEAR 2015?**

Are you curious about the knowledge and skills our students will need to meet the demands of the changing global economy? How should our high school adapt to provide key 21st century skills? Please join us for a community conversation: "21st Century Skills: What Are They? Why Should We Care?" May 11th, 7:00pm at Winchester High School. Internationally recognized author Charles Fadel will lead a presentation on the future of learning, while WHS teachers share examples of high school projects that currently incorporate these skills. We expect a heavy turnout for the evening presentation and seating in the high school auditorium is limited. Therefore reserved seating for May 11th is available until May 7<sup>th</sup> by emailing Cindy Bohne at [WHS.FocusOnTheFuture@gmail.com](mailto:WHS.FocusOnTheFuture@gmail.com) with the subject line "Forum RSVP." Copies of author Charles Fadel's book, *21st Century Skills- Learning for Life in Our Times*, will be available for sale in the front lobby from Bookends. Fadel's visit kicks off a strategic high school planning initiative. Community members and educators have begun to assess the curricular and instructional practices at the high school. This effort, WHS - Focus on the Future, will culminate in a viable, 5-year strategic plan and vision that will provide clear direction, identify action steps, outline necessary resources, and reflect the integrated priorities and values of the Winchester community. Please look for notices on a first round of focus group discussions to be held on May 24th. Your ideas and feedback are welcome and appreciated as the community and the school district moves forward.

## **TAKE BACK MEDICATION PROGRAM**

In efforts to reduce prescription drug use and protect our waterways/environment, The Winchester Coalition for a Safer Community has partnered with other town departments including the Board of Health, Police, DPW as well as Winchester Hospital to conduct our third "Take Back Medication Program" in conjunction with Hazardous Waste Day. Where: Sons of Italy Parking Lot/Hospital Parking Lot Swanton Street Next to Transfer Station When: Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> Time: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Accepted: All prescription drugs - expired, unused or unwanted (please do not cross out name of drug on bottle), Non-prescription

medicine, Herbal products, Vitamins and mineral supplements, Throat lozenges. Help prevent home theft, accidental poisoning, medication error, and damage to our soil and water systems. Please do not throw your medicine in the trash or down the toilet.

**SATURDAY, MAY 11<sup>th</sup> – MYCHIP EVENT, ARLINGTON** The Mass Youth Child Identification Program ([mychip.org](http://mychip.org)) in cooperation with Mass Crime Prevention Officers Assoc. and Mass Dental Society will be hosting an event to help parents gather identification information for their children. The program entails providing parents with fingerprints, tooth impressions, DNA cheek swabs, and a videotaped interview of their child. No materials are kept by the organization, and there is no cost to families for this activity. The event is being held at the Arlington Masonic Temple, 19 Academy Street, Arlington, MA between 10a and 2p on May 11. For more information contact Jennifer Pagán <[jennypagan@yahoo.com](mailto:jennypagan@yahoo.com)>

## **WFEE NEWS:The Prom 'n Aid**

Mark your calendars now: the WFEE Prom 'n Aid is Saturday, May 22nd. Please join us in the garden, under our virtual tent for dinner and dancing to the music of SIX. Tickets can be purchased at [www.wfee.org](http://www.wfee.org) or at Book Ends, \$350 a couple, \$175 if you are coming stag. Proceeds support all Winchester schools. Auction items include weekend get-aways, a behind-the-scenes tour of Logan, and fabulous dinners. Plan your party attire now; special Prom guests include some faces from your past. For more information on WFEE and updates on events or our grants, visit our website, [www.wfee.org](http://www.wfee.org). The WFEE Grants Committee is currently reviewing proposals for the 2010-2011 school year. Grants will be awarded in May. Check the website to see what grants will benefit your school. All grants are funded through donations to WFEE. To make an on line donation to WFEE, go to [www.wfee.org](http://www.wfee.org) or you can mail a check to WFEE, P.O. Box 1005, Winchester, MA. WFEE contributions are tax deductible and eligible for employer matching gift programs.

## **ABC BOTTLE DRIVE**

The Winchester ABC Program will hold its next Bottle Drive on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot behind the Sons of Italy Hall at the entrance to the transfer station. Your returnable bottles and cans help to finance the ABC Program. As always, volunteers are needed the day of the drive to help sort the bottles and cans. If you have an hour or two and can help,

please know that you are welcome. For more information, please call Brian Sergenian at 781-721-0242.

## **WINCHESTER SPORTS FOUNDATION**

### **ANNOUNCES 2010 INDUCTEES**

The Winchester Sports Foundation Hall of Fame Committee is proud to announce the Inductees for the 2010 Hall of Fame. They are as follows: 1955 Men's Hockey and Basketball Teams, James Griffin '53 Football, Basketball and Baseball, James Bowers '87 Swimming and Sailing, David Fiorentino '94 Golf and Tennis, Joseph Murphy '99 Football, Basketball and Lacrosse, Joseph Weeren, '99 Basketball and Lacrosse and Coach Quinton Dale, Winchester High School Basketball Coach. The Inductees will be inducted at the Hall of Fame Dinner held on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at the Woburn Hilton, 2 Forbes Road, Woburn, MA. Individual tickets are available by sending a check made out to the Winchester Sports Foundation for \$45.00 to Dot Butler, 30 Wildwood St. Winchester, MA 01890. Tables of 10 are available and will be reserved for parties of 10 upon receipt of payment. Please indicate members of your party when reserving a table. Tickets may also be purchased on line by visiting the Winchester Sports Foundation website at [www.winchestersportsfoundation.com](http://www.winchestersportsfoundation.com).

Please join us as we honor the proud tradition of Winchester High School athletics. For additional information about

this event or the WSF Hall of Fame committee, contact Paul Manganaro at 781 721-2930 or Dot Butler at 781 729-8436.

### **EN KA SOCIETY NEWS**

The En Ka Society, Winchester's oldest women's service organization, seeks donations of lightly-used children's and adult books to support the book sale tent at the Society's annual Street Fair, scheduled for May 14 and 15. This year's Fair is titled *Hats Off to You!* Beginning April 1st, books can be left anytime on the wooden collection pallets at the Sanborn House's Carriage House, adjacent to the Ambrose School at 27 High Street in Winchester. Look for signs saying "Book Drop Here." Books should be placed in small, easy-to-handle boxes. Please wrap boxes in plastic to protect the books from the elements. En Ka is particularly in need of gently read paperback fiction, mysteries, and children's books. Videos, DVDs, audiotapes and CDs in good condition are also appreciated. No text books, encyclopedias, magazines or condensed books please. All proceeds from the book sale will support En Ka's annual grants to dozens of Winchester's charitable and civic organizations. Books that remain unsold at the end of the Fair will be donated to a variety of charities. Questions: email [enkabooks@yahoo.com](mailto:enkabooks@yahoo.com).

### **THE EN KA FAIR IS COMING!**

The theme this year is "Hats off to You:" May 14 and 15, 2010! En Ka Parade: May 15, 2010. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR EN KA FAIR:** Volunteers who are over 18 years of age are needed for the upcoming En Ka Fair being held Friday and Saturday, May 14 and 15. Those interested in taking tickets for a ride or helping with a game for a two-hour shift, please Contact Karen Knouse at 721-2829. **En Ka Day at Mahoney's Rocky Ledge to Be Held Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>:** The En Ka annual fundraiser will be held from 10 am - 5 pm on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at Mahoney's Rocky Ledge Garden Center. Buy flowers, plants, tools, gift certificates, and more. For the 28<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, Mahoney's will donate a percentage of that day's sales to the En Ka Society to help fund grants for Winchester's charitable and civic organizations. Please pay at the Main Greenhouse.

### **LINCLETTER SCHEDULE**

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